

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle comprising:
  - a seat portion having load supporting surfaces laterally spaced apart;
  - a nose portion extending forwardly from the seat portion with the end of the nose portion contiguous with the seat portion having an extending part that is rebated into a slot in the central area of the forward end of the seat portion; and
  - a hinge that is flexible and laterally rigid connecting said nose portion to said seat portion.
- 2.-4. Cancelled.
5. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 12 wherein said hinge further comprises a tension spring between the nose portion and seat portion.
6. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 5 further comprising an adjustment means to vary the tension in the spring.
7. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 6 wherein the adjustment means is a screw engaging one end of the tension spring.
8. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the spring plate is secured to the under surfaces of the nose portion and seat portion.
9. Cancelled.
10. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 in which the saddle components are molded from synthetic resin materials so as to form a unit.

11. Cancelled.

12. (previously presented) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the hinge comprises a spring plate positioned between and secured to the nose portion and the seat portion.